

HO-1056
Humphrey Tenant House
1455 Woodstock Road (1415 B Woodstock Road)
Private

Description:

The Humphrey Tenant House is a two-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure that is banked on the west, with the east elevation basement exposed. The house has aluminum siding, including on the east basement, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. The west half of the roof has a slightly shallower pitch than the east half. The west elevation has a porch that is enclosed with aluminum siding and has a shed roof with asphalt shingles. The porch extends one bay to the south of the end of the dwelling. The second story has three one-over-one sash, and there is a shallow box cornice. The south elevation has a one-story, shed-roofed addition with a steel six-panel door, and the roof extends beyond the south wall to form a porch. There is a modern deck below this porch. The south end of the enclosed front porch also has a modern metal door in it. The second story has a one-over-one sash, and the gable end has a louvered vent. On the east elevation there is a door in the basement of the south addition and a door in the south bay of the main block.

Significance:

Woodstock store owner George Humphrey purchased this lot in 1908 for only \$170, suggesting that there were no improvements, at least of any substantial nature, on the premises. Humphrey owned the property for thirty years, so it was likely he who built the traditional three-bay, two-story frame structure on the site. Since Humphrey owned a number of houses in the vicinity of Woodstock, it seems likely that he built this one as an investment that he rented to tenants, perhaps even employees of his. The house is hard to read because the front porch has been enclosed, and the gable roof has a shallower pitch on the front than on the rear. Because of the hilly terrain, the house is banked on the road elevation, with the rear of the basement opening out at the lower grade. The house has had remarkably few owners, passing to the Gosnell, Cavey, and Platt families; the latter two families, at least, were well represented in and around Woodstock. Whether this remained a rental or became owner-occupied housing is not known. The house is currently vacant and seems to be open, and should be considered threatened.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-1056

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Humphrey Tenant House

other

2. Location

street and number 1455 Woodstock Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Woodstock ☐ vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Amaeze Nnolim

street and number 1455 Woodstock Road telephone

city, town Woodstock state MD zip code 21163

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 11508 folio 60

city, town Ellicott City tax map 11 tax parcel 22 tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1 0 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0 0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	0 0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0 0 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1 0 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Humphrey Tenant House is located at 1455 Woodstock Road (alternately called 1415 B), on the east side of the road, and faces west toward the road in Woodstock, in north-central Howard County, Maryland. The house is a two-story, three-bay by one-bay frame structure that is banked on the west, with the east elevation basement exposed. The house has aluminum siding, including on the east basement, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. The west half of the roof has a slightly shallower pitch than the east half.

The west elevation has a porch that is enclosed with aluminum siding and has a shed roof with asphalt shingles. The porch extends one bay to the south of the end of the dwelling. The second story has three one-over-one sash, and there is a shallow box cornice. The north elevation has a single one-over-one sash on the first story, no opening on the second story, and a vent in the gable end. The south elevation has a one-story, shed-roofed addition with a steel six-panel door, and the roof extends beyond the south wall to form a porch. There is a modern deck below this porch. The south end of the enclosed front porch also has a modern metal door in it. The second story has a one-over-one sash, and the gable end has a louvered vent. On the east elevation there is a door in the basement of the south addition and a door in the south bay of the main block. The center bay has a one-over-one sash. The first story has three one-over-one sash and the second story has a one-over-one sash in the center and north bays.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates N/A

Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1908-09

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register☐ Maryland Register☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .24 A
Acreage of historical setting .75 A
Quadrangle name Sykesville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 11, parcel 22, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

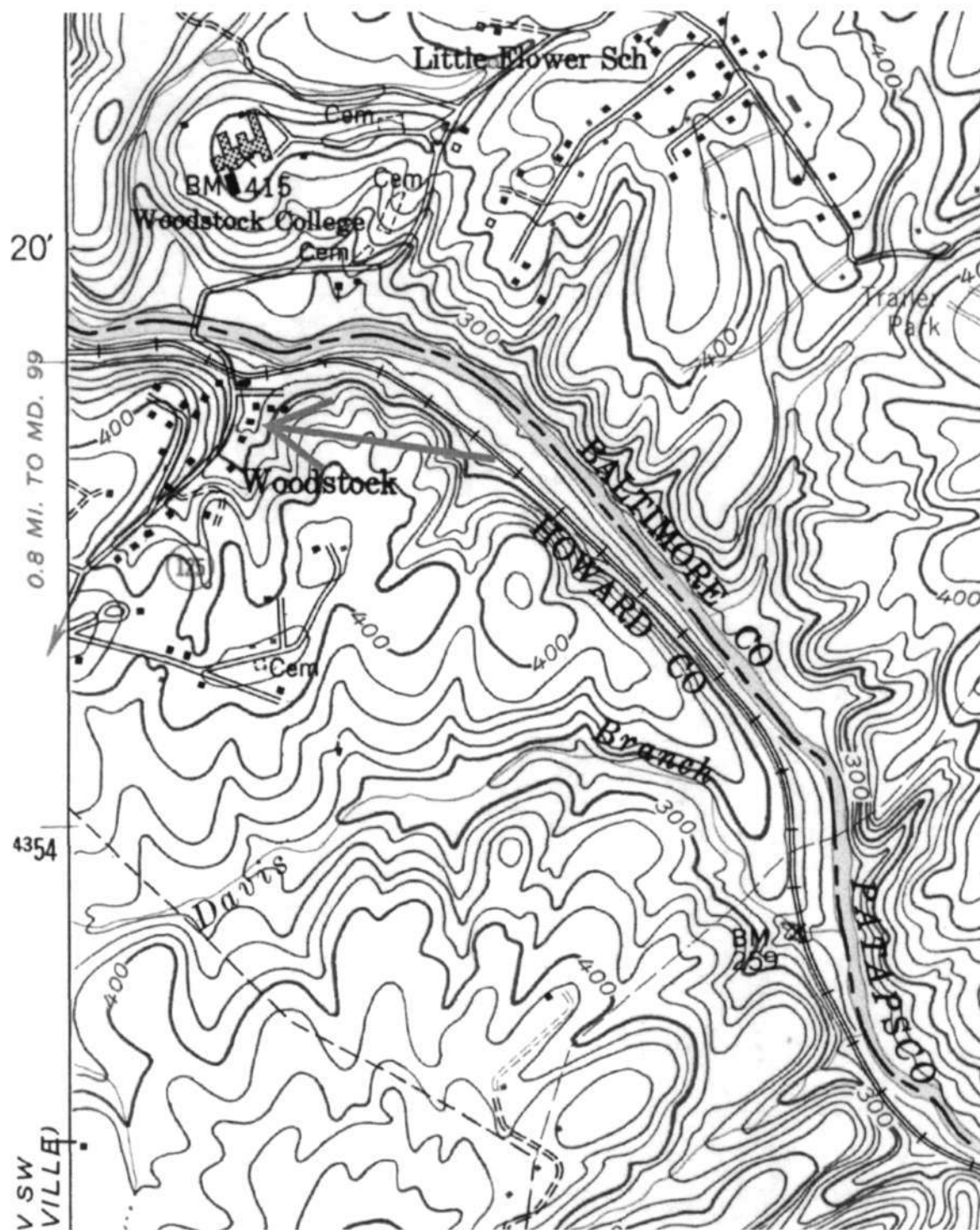
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	November 2011
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Humphrey Tenant House
1455 Woodstock Road
Ellicott City quad

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Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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North & west elevations

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South elevation



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